Women and Child Welfare Centres

3494. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women and child development welfare centres in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of such centres proposed to be opened during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08, State-wise;

(c) whether the States including Maharashtra has sumbitted any proposal to Government to open more centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) There are no women and child development welfare centres in the country under Ministry of Women and Child Development.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Impracticability of Palna Scheme

†3495. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently announced scheme "Palna" for unwanted girl child is not only impractical but misconceived also;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many organizations have opposed the scheme pertaining success of the said scheme;

(c) if not, Government's intention and nation-wide preparedness behind the said scheme;

(d) whether Government would consider on implementing a programme to provide free basic amenities like education and health right from the birth of girls; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

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